Sl.No.	Name of Project	Cost (Rs. in Crores)	Status
1.	Pipeline Projects Andhra Pradesh Water Sector improvement Project	2250	Under Appraisal of World Bank

Interlinking of rivers

1618. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest developments in the matter of inter-linking Indian rivers in general and the peninsula rivers in particular; and

(b) whether while addressing a Press Conference at Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu recently he had said that matters are moving at a natural pace and the farmers of Tamil Nadu are at their wits end to give any concrete shape to this abstract phrase and whether he propose to offer a clarification so that these farmers may find a ray of hope?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission (CWC) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas which comprises of two components, namely, Himalayan Rivers Development Component and Peninsular Rivers Development Component. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up under the MOWR in 1982 for carrying out various technical studies to establish the feasibility of the proposals of NPP and to give concerete shape to it. Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component & 14 under Himalayan Component) for the preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs). Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component and 2 links (Indian Portion) under Himalayan Component have already been completed. Further, a Memorandum of Understanding for the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of one of the links in Peninsular Component Namely Ken-Betwa link was signed among the Central Government and State Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

on 25th August, 2005. Subsequently, the Central Government entrusted the preparation of the DPR of the aforesaid link to NWDA, which is planned to be completed by June, 2008.

(b) As per the relevant information published in the media (dated 8.2.07), the Hon'ble Minister stated that work on inter-linking of rivers was proceeding at "natural pace" and was not slow, as it was being perceived. Further, he stated that the Ministry was not bound by any time frame as the entire process of arriving at a decision involved a period of consultation with and consensus of the States that were concerned in the matter.

Ongoing Irrigation Projects in Bihar

1619. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing irrigation projects in Bihar;

(b) the names of the projects dropped; and

(c) the names of the projects that have been left due to non-implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN. THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (C) 11 Major, 8 Medium and 2ERM irrigation projects, which have spilled over from IX Plan to X Plan, are under execution in the State of Bihar. Out of the above mentioned ongoing projects, works of 3 major and 4 medium projects have been suspended by State Government during X Plan. Besides, 1 major, 1 medium and 5 ERM New irrigation projects are also under execution in the State of Bihar. The physical and financial details of these ongoing and new irrigation projects of Bihar are given in Statement.